



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 31, 1998

S. 2359

National Environmental Education Amendments Act of 1998

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 29, 1998*

SUMMARY

S. 2359 would amend provisions of the National Environmental Education Act regarding environmental education grants, internships, fellowships, and awards. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million annually over the 1999-2004 period to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out its responsibilities under the bill. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2359 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments..

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2359 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2359 will be enacted before fiscal year 1999 appropriations for EPA are provided, and that the full amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
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SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	8	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	8	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	0	9	10	10	10	10
Spending Under S. 2359						
Authorization Level ^a	8	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	8	10	10	10	10	10

a. The 1998 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

The bill contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Of the funds authorized for appropriation by the bill, at least 40 percent would be used for grants to support environmental education. Many of these grants would go to local education agencies, public colleges and universities, and state educational or environmental agencies. These grants require 25 percent matching funds from the recipients.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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